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SUBJECT: NEW CHAIRMAN FOR INDUSTRY COMMITTEE'S WORKING
GROUP ON FUTURE INDUSTRIAL STRUCTURES

REF: A) PARIS 9582; B) PARIS 11816

1. IN RESPONSE TO LETTER DATED MAY 3 FROM SWEDISH
PERMANENT REP TO AMBASSADOR SALZMAN REQUESTING U.S.
SUPPORT FOR SWEDISH CANDIDATE GUNNAR RIBRANT AS
CHAIRMAN OF FIS WORKING GROUP, MISSION ADVISED SWEDES

BY LETTER MAY 12 THAT U.S. WILL BE PLEASED TO SUPPORT
HIM.

2. AS NOTED IN REF A, CHAIRMAN NANCY ANNOUNCED HIS
RETIREMENT AT LAST FIS MEETING. USDEL WAS APPROACHED
BY SWEDES AT LAST INDUSTRY COMMITTEE MEETING (REF B)
SOLICITING OUR SUPPORT. MISSION DECISION TO SUPPORT
RIBRANT WAS BASED ON TWO FACTORS:
(A) THE SWEDES WERE AMONG THE FIRST TO ANNOUNCE SUPPORT
FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY WEIL'S CANDIDACY FOR THE IC
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CHAIR;
(B) BASED ON OUR KNOWLEDGE OF MR. RIBRANT (DEPUTY UNDER
SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY) WE BELIEVE THAT HE
WOULD MAKE A GOOD CHAIRMAN.
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